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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to the USPTO notice dated July 11, 2003, waiving the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) to provide copies of U.S. Patents and U.S. Published Applications, copies of those references numbered 1, 16, 18, 21, 25, 29, 34, 36, 42, 45, 70, 71, 81, 84, 88, 89, 91, 92, 94 and 95 are not submitted. Copies foreign patents numbered 100 - 103 and copies of non-patent literature references numbered 104 and 106 are submitted herewith. Copies of the remaining documents

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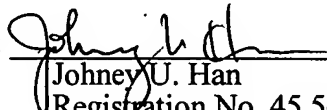
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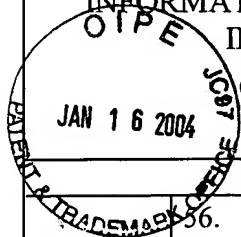
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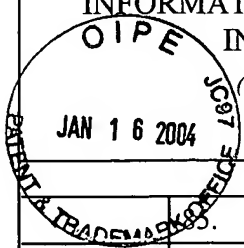
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